

REPORT ON THE SUGGESTION OF A TWELFTH GRADE IN THE HIGH SCHOOLS

If the High Schools institute a Twelfth Grade there will be three types of students entering McGill:

- (a) Junior Matriculation.
- (b) Advanced or Honour Matriculation.
- (c) Senior Matriculation.

It is understood that (a) and (b) will enter the First Year, and (c) the Second Year, as at present. If that is the case, it will be necessary in most departments to have an ordinary course and at least one advanced or honour course in the First Year. This is being done in Mathematics and some other subjects and it could, I think, be arranged in Physics, making the two to three afternoon hour on Wednesdays and Fridays for the ordinary, and the three to four afternoon hour on the same days for the advanced or honour students. At present many of our best students do proceed in an honour course, taking Physics 2 with Professor Shaw in their First Year and with Professor Eve (Electricity) in their Second Year.

The time will no doubt come when many or most Senior Matriculants will enter our First Year as honour students, and full preparation for a four-years honour course should be taken in hand as soon as possible by all departments. Indeed, it would be better to have only two types of examinations, Junior Matriculation and Honours Matriculation, all students having four years at McGill. Are we, or are we not, ripe for this policy?